

# Peking to Release Three, Sentences One American

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Three Americans seized off Hong Kong are to be released from Communist China after having been held there for 18 months. Another American, arrested in Shanghai, has been sentenced to life imprisonment for allegedly being a spy.

The men to be released are Richard Applegate, Hong Kong correspondent of the National Broadcasting Company; Donald Dixon, correspondent of the International News Service, and Benjamin Krasner, former merchant ship captain. The three men had been seized while on the yacht Kert near Hong Kong for "intrusion into China's territorial waters," the Communist New China News Agency said.

The agency quoted the Chinese Communist Ministry of Public Security for its announcement of the deportation order, but did not give details of when or how the men would leave the country.

[Newsmen in Hong Kong awaiting the release of the three Americans reported that as of Sept. 13 there was no sign of them and no word as to time and place of deportation.]

Meanwhile, in Shanghai, Hugh Redmond of Yonkers, N.Y., was sentenced to life imprisonment and two Chinese were ordered executed as members of an alleged eight-member American spy ring, the Communist New China News Agency reported.

The Communist agency report described Mr. Redmond as having directed espionage teams to collect Chinese Communist Government secrets and illegally store arms while posing as an employee of the "Hennigsen Produce Company, a United States business establishment."

It said he was found guilty of "aggression against the People's Republic of China and undermining the People's Democratic rule of China."

The Communist report declared that Mr. Redmond was dispatched to China in August, 1946, and engaged in espionage in Mukden, Peking, and Shanghai.

When the Communists took over Shanghai in 1949, it said, he was ordered by CIA "External Survey Detachment 44" to stay in Shanghai, maintain con-

tact with the American intelligence organization in Hong Kong and conduct espionage work.

The Communist agency accused the "spy team" of conducting espionage in China "under the instructions of the United States government's intelligence service" and said "they used Shanghai to collect state secrets, set up radio transmitters, and send intelligence reports to the American intelligence in Hong Kong" as well as carrying out other activities to undermine the Communist state.

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